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AMUSEMENTS

As the fall and winter season approaches indoor amusements claim attention. During the summer months those fortunate enough to have cars or horses may enjoy the summer evenings, but winter evenings call for more collective entertainments, dances, card parties, theaters, and other amusements are offered and a city is known after well and favorably by the type of the amusement it offers.

Tucumcari being situated at a distance from other cities must necessarily furnish its own amusement and entertainment for the people of Tucumcari.

It is not a particular amusement per se that is good or bad, it is the manner in which the entertainment is conducted.

The mental attitude also has much to do with whether a type of entertainment is good or bad.

A skating rink in Tucumcari would be a good thing, if properly conducted. Likewise bowling alleys. Beer comes from change of activity often quite as much as total inactivity. An athletic club would do something toward offering innocent amusement here for many young men this winter. Boxing, carefully guarded, is not injurious, fencing trains the eyes, as well as develops the muscles, Indian clubs and other apparatus of a gymnasium will help to work off the excess energy, and systematic athletic training has a mental, as well as physical value. A group of young men could organize an athletic club here, secure a hall, install some equipment, and pass some very pleasant evenings this winter and their spirits and health would be the better for having done so.

Basket ball is a sport sufficiently manly, when played properly, to interest the many young people. Tucumcari might arrange to have a basket ball club and play other towns. The Arcade theater could be conveniently arranged for games as well as for a meeting place for an athletic club.

The High school will later install a gymnasium and that will be a most excellent addition. If Tucumcari secures a Y. M. C. A. all the features above mentioned will be a part of it; but till that is done, something should be done now. Efforts are being made to secure a "Down Town Reading Room."



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The forest homesteads, as a rule, consist of small scattered patches of cleared land so valuable for agricultural that, in accordance with the government policy of putting land within the forest to the highest use, it is opened to entry on the request of prospective homesteaders.

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BIBLE STUDY ON
A GOD-FEARING BAD MAN.
Numbers 22:1 to 23:10—Nov. 2.
"A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways."—James 1:8.

AFTER Israel had entered Canaan and were fully recognized as God's holy people, apparently all dealings between God and the Gentiles were discontinued. Before that time, men of faith in God were recognized by Him; for instance, Abraham, Job, Melchizedek and Balaam, the central figure of today's lesson. Balaam lived on the Euphrates. He was known far and wide as an oracle.

The king of Moab perceived that Israel conquered all with whom they battled, and feared them, although they had not molested Moab. After conferring with the ruler of Midian, King Balak sent four hundred miles to get Balaam to come to curse Israel, and offered a considerable reward.

Balaam inquired of the Lord whether to go on this mission. The reply was, No; Israel was blessed of the Lord, not cursed. Balaam gave the decision, and the messengers returned. King Balak then sent messengers of higher station, intimating higher rewards. Balaam knew the mind of the Lord on the subject, but coveted the rewards of a righteousness. In response to his second inquiry, he obtained permission to go.

It was on this journey that Balaam was reproved by his ass. An angel of the Lord stood in a narrow place where the ass, seeing him, could not pass. The ass, being beaten, remonstrated. Even this did not stop Balaam's money lust.

Received by King Balak with honor, Balaam directed that altars be built and sacrifices offered to God. He would have a form of godliness, even while desiring to do contrary to the Divine will, which he already knew. Then he began his prophecy, which was really a blessing, the words being divinely inspired. As St. Peter wrote, "Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit."—2 Pet. 1:21.

The disappointed king took the Prophet to another viewpoint, and urged the curse of at least this much of Israel. Altars were built again, and sacrifices offered. Again the hoped-for curse did not come. The angry king insisted, and led the Prophet to another standpoint. Again the results were blessings upon Israel.

A Double-Minded Man.

Balaam's double-mindedness was abundantly manifested by his course. He wished to speak the Lord's word, and also to have riches and honor. Right and wrong, God's way and the way of riches—both were before him. He chose neither, but tried to have both.—2 Peter 1:15, 16.

Alas, how many in every age have had the Balaam spirit! Jesus warned against this spirit, saying, "Ye cannot serve God and mammon." How many have found the Master's words true! How many have found that God rejects those who regard iniquity in their hearts; and who, if they would not serve it, at least would love its rewards! Let us remember that God looketh on the heart.

If, overtaken in a fault, Balaam had started on the journey, hoping to gain the evil reward, he should have been thoroughly aroused by the incident of the ass. Even an ass knew better than to attempt to go contrary to the Higher Power. Evidently humanity's greater reasoning power and courage may be disadvantageously used.

Balaam's heart was wrong. The professed man of God grieved in the mire of sin in his desire to obtain wealth. He said to King Balak, The only way to bring a curse upon Israel would be by tempting them to disobey God. King Balak communicated with the Midianites and urged that their wives and daughters should apparently fall in love with some of the Israelites, and introduce them to Midian's sensuous religious rites.

God Permitted the Lesson.

The scheme was successful. Some of the Israelites were attracted to adultery and idol-worship. Forthwith a plague started among the Israelites, according to the terms of their Covenant. Then, under Divine direction, Mo-

sea called for an army out of the tribes, and completely wiped out Midian as a nation. Including Balaam, who evidently remained to oversee the iniquitous work.

In His last message to the Church, our glorified Redeemer foretold that

some of His followers would imitate Balaam, and, for earthly advantage, put a stumbling-block in the path of the brethren. The intimation is that the harlotry and false worship would be on a higher plane than that which stumbled Israel—as everything in this Christian Dispensation is antitypical.—Revelation 2:14.

Several passages in Balaam's prophecy are striking. Every nation which has dealt harshly with Israel has received chastisement. The Sceptre did rise out of Israel. Messiah is of Jacob's posterity, according to the flesh.

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